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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached. These documents were cited by a Notice of Reasons for Rejection issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-504218 on September 8, 2009 with English translation. A copy of the Notice is also attached. Other documents cited by this Notice, Japanese Patent Appln. Laid-open No. S59-118805 and Japanese Patent Appln. Laid-open No. H10-244355 were previously submitted with Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 28, 2005.

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